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SUBJECT: IFAD/ECOSOC DRAFT RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

1. INFORMAL ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF IFAD TEXT CONTINUES THIS WEEK AIDED BY THE PRESENCE OF IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AL-SUDEARY AND HIS TWO VICE CHAIRMEN. TWO FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED MONDAY AND TUESDAY WERE QUICKLY ADJOURNED TO ALLOW AL-SUDEARY TIME TO CONSULT EXTENSIVELY WITH THE G-77, AND BRIEFLY WITH CATEGORY I MEMBERS OF ECOSOC NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE.

2. DURING THE LATTER CONSULTATION, AL-SUDEARY INDICATED EXPECTATION THAT G-77 SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY TONED DOWN. AL-SUDEARY IS MEETING WITH G-77 TUESDAY AFTERNOON IN AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER MODIFY THEIR BOTTOM LINE. EXPECTATION IS THAT THESE DILUTED G-77 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED INFORMALLY BY CATEGORY I COUNTRIES BEFORE PRESENTATION FULL COMMITTEE.

3. CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS AND COMMENTS DURING CATEGORY I MEETING INDICATE:

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A) CANADA (KINSMAN) APPOINTING ITSELF TO HARMONIZE PROPOSED DRAFT RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT WITH ELEMENTS OF RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE, I.E., GREATER CENTRAL COORDINATING/RECOMMENDATION ROLE FOR ECOSOC/UNGA, WHILE AT SAME TIME PRESERVING OPERATIONAL AUTONOMY OF FUND'S OPERATIONS. CANADA INSISTS THE COMMITTEE MUST NEGOTIATE FINAL TEXT, VERSUS ACCEPTING ROME TEXT, BUT AGREES NOT TO PRESENT SPECIFIC CANADIAN

PROPOSALS. WORK INSTEAD SHOULD BE BASED ON THE "MODERATE" SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD BY G-77.

B) JAPAN HAS INDICATED IT WILL REMAIN SILENT DURING DEBATE.

C) FRANCE HAS INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR ORIGINAL TEXT BUT WANTS TO AMEND ARTICLES 11 AND 12 ON ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL.

D) FRG STRONGLY FAVORS MAJOR TENETS OF ORIGINAL TEXT (WITH PRESSURE FROM BONN), BUT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE MINOR CHANGES ONCE ENTIRE G-77 PACKAGE HAS BEEN PRESENTED.

E) US HAS INDICATED THAT WE CLEARLY PREFER ORIGINAL TEXT, WHICH USG HELPED NEGOTIATE IN ROME ON BASIS OF WHAT USG FELT WAS BEST FOR IFAD AND UN, CONSISTENT WITH IFAD ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, LIKE FRG WE INDICATED WE WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT MINOR CHANGES, ONCE ALL G-77 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PRESENTED, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT DESTROY THE BALANCE WE BELIEVE INHERENT IN IFAD'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

4. BECAUSE STATUS OF PREVIOUS G-77 PROPOSALS NOW IN DOUBT, NORDICS AND NETHERLANDS REMAINED BASICALLY SILENT. DUTCH AND NORWEGIANS HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH US ON BACKGROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE DUTCH VIEW LESS STRIDENT THAN WAS THE CASE A WEEK AGO, DUTCH INSTRUCTIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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APPARENTLY CALL FOR IT TO FIRMLY SUPPORT G-77 EFFORTS TO WEAKEN IFAD'S AUTONOMY VIS-A-VIS UN.

5. AL-SUDEARY HAS BEEN ACTIVE AND HAS PRESENTED VERY POSITIVE IMAGE. IN HIS REMARKS TO CATEGORY I HE STRESSED THAT:

-- RESTRUCTURING NOT COMPLETED, AND IFAD MUST NOT BE TEXT CASE FOR STILL INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSIONS.

-- HE SAID IFAD WANTS A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UN BUT IT MUST NOT IMPEDE THE FUND'S EFFICIENCY.

-- RECIPROCITY WITH THE UN IS ACCEPTABLE, BUT THIS SHOULD OBTAIN ONLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE GENERAL POLICY SETTING ROLE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND NOT TO OPERATIONALLY-ORIENTED EXECUTIVE BOARD.

-- IFAD WILL COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE UN BUT ARTICLES

OF AGREEMENT CLEARLY INDICATE FUND MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE
ONLY TO ITS GOVERNING COUNCIL.

5. FORMAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN
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